(c) Chalakudy by-pass is expected to be completed by March, 1991. Part length of Trivandrum by-pass is likely to be completed by March, 1992. It is too early to indicate the expected date of completion of the other by-passes.

(d) and (e) The funds are allotted to States in bulk and not project-wise. The allotment of funds and expenditure as reported by the States is as under : —

(Rs. crores)

State	Allocation of funds	Expenditure upto December, 1988
1. Kerala	13.50	2.5108
2 Tamil Nadu	20.00	10.1544

U.S. steps to check operations of Sikh Terrorists from its soil

929. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASHAD :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDP.AKANT . BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. Stephen J. Solarz, Chairman of House Asian and Pacific Affairs Sub-Committee *of* U.S. visited New Delhi in January this year and assured Government that U.S. would not permit Sikh terriorists to operate from its soil;

(b) if so, what specific steps have been taken by U.S. Government to prevent the use of their soil by Sikh terrorists for their operations in India; and

(c) which other countries have taken similar action to prevent use of their territory by Sikh terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTER NAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US Government has cooperated in combating the international dimensions of terrorism directed against India. In particular, the following actions of the US Government are noteworthy :

(i) Denial of visa requests to Persons espousing the cause of extremists.

(ii) US security agencies have made elaborate arrangements for security of VIP and officials visiting USA.

(iii) US Government have made positive statements on Punjab-related developments.

(iv) US Government .and the Government of India have had a preliminary exchange of views about replacing the present extradition arrangements between the two countries by a formal Extradition Treaty.

(v) Indian and US experts have been consulting on the questions of anti-hijacking measures and airport security.

(c) Other countries have their own legal and administrative framework for addressing the issue of terrorism.